

## REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed June 1, 2006, the Examiner has required that the Applicants elect one of seven patentably distinct claim groups:

- Group I (Claim 1);
- Group II (Claims 2-4 and 8);
- Group III (Claim 5);
- Group IV (Claim 6);
- Group V (Claim 7);
- Group VI (Claims 9-10); and
- Group VII (Claims 11-13).

### **I. Election**

As required under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group VII (claims 11-13) on the merits. The elected claims are therefore claims 11-13 and newly-added dependent claims 14-30. The Applicants further expressly reserve the right to prosecute the nonelected groups, which are being cancelled from this application by preliminary amendment, in one or more subsequent divisional or continuation applications.

### **II. Amendments to Specification**

The Specification has been amended to list the Application Serial Number and filing date of the co-pending application referred to in the Specification. No new matter is added by this amendment. Entry of this amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

### **III. Amendments to Claims**

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled, without prejudice. New dependent claims 14-30 are added. Support for new claims 14-19 is found at least at paragraph [0150] and Fig. 17. Support for new claims 20-25 is found at least at paragraphs [0151]-[0165] and [0174] and in Figs. 18-22 and 24. Support for new claims 26-30 is found at least at paragraphs [0151]-[0153] and [0155]-[0174] and in Figs. 19-24. No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of these amendments is therefore respectfully requested.

#### **IV. Change of Correspondence Address and Power of Attorney**

The correspondence address and Power of Attorney for this application has been changed to the following (Customer Number 26242):

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#### **V. Conclusion**

Group VII has been elected for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled from the application without prejudice. New dependent claims 14-30 have been added. No fee is due for these claims, there being 20 claims, 3 of which are independent, left in the application after the cancellation of claims 1-10 and the addition of claims 14-30. The Specification has been amended to include the Serial Number and filing date of the co-pending application. Should there remain any unresolved issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Norma E. Henderson, Applicant's Attorney, at 603-437-4400, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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